

REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated August 27, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on November 27, 2003. Claims 14 - 31 remain pending in the application and are shown above. Claims 14 - 31 stand rejected by the Examiner. Reconsideration of the rejected claims is requested for reasons presented below.

Claims 14-31 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 first paragraph. The Examiner asserts that there is no description in the disclosure as originally filed of forming a silicon-oxygen-carbon material as the dielectric layer of claim 14 and 26, and claims dependent thereon.

Applicants respectfully submit that support for the claims in the specification is disclosed at page 11 lines 10-14, which describes dielectric layer 66 including a silicon-carbon-oxygen material. Further support for claim 14 can be found in the structure shown in Figure 15 and at page 25, lines 4-20, with additional support for claim 26 can be found in the structure shown in Figure 4 and at page 10, line 25, to page 12, line 9, as well as page 25, lines 4-20. Applicant respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

Having addressed all issues set out in the office action, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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